independently has a thickness of 0.1 to 30 nm, and the total thickness of all interlayers when more than one is present is 40 nm or less.

Please add new Claim 11 as follows:

(New) A laminate which comprises a substrate, and a titanium oxide layer, a metal layer and a titanium oxide layer laminated alternately in this order on the substrate in (2n +1) layers (wherein n is a positive integer), wherein an interlayer having a refractive index of less than 2.4 at a wavelength of 550 nm is interposed at at least two interlaminar boundaries between the titanium oxide layer and the metal layer.

## **DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 has been amended by inserting limitations on the thickness of the interlayer, as supported in the specification at page 14, lines 11-26. (The term --independently-- is intended to mean that the thickness of each interlayer can be different so long as it is within the recited range.)

New Claim 11 has been added to claim an embodiment wherein there are interlayers at at least two interlaminar boundaries, i.e., at least two interlayers, as supported in the specification, for example, at page 12, lines 12-27, and various examples, such as Examples 13-17.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-11 are now pending in the application.

